

Summit Gem Newsletter March 2009

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Mission Statement

To afford the opportunity to share interest in lapidary knowledge and working techniques



Monthly Meeting: March 3rd at 7:00PM
Program: Melissa Muir, jewelry artist



Membership: 130 members
Dues: Joining fee \$25 then \$4 per month

President's Message - by Ted Maringer

Starting this March the SLC monthly Members and Board meetings will begin at 7:00PM

Did you ever see the movie *All About Eve* starring Bette Davis as Margo Channing? In the movie Davis's performance and several of her lines became well-known, particularly, "Fasten your seatbelt, it's going to be a bumpy night." I've thought of that line many times but not as much as I have since being elected President of the Summit Lapidary Club! Along with the Board and a few members I've been discussing where the Board's attention is needed the most. To date, we've reviewed the SLC By-Laws and plan to have them completed and distributed to everyone in April. In February the SLC hosted the Geo Juniors meeting facilitated by Barbara Whims. After the Board meets to discuss our observations we will decide whether the SLC should continue to host their monthly meeting along with recommendations to ensure the Geo Juniors success. Furthermore, as a group we need to focus on the success of the entire club and get back to the basics that made this club a success many years ago. With Gratitude - Ted Maringer

February 3rd Meeting Minutes - Respectfully submitted by Evelyn Tyron

President Ted Maringer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Welcome to guests Mat Gerlach and Kay Sharp, Ohio Assistant Director for MWF.

Treasurers Report by Assistant Treasurer Frank Regan.

Secretary Report, Laura - Minutes OK as printed and distributed.

Correspondence Thank you from Lynn Palmeeter family for donation.

Board Report by Pres Ted Maringer. Gave an apology and brief report on Board's response to letter and emails received from a member. The Board addressed the problems. He encouraged any one with questions or issues to see or call him. We are working on the by-laws and work rules, etc. Evelyn Tryon asked for newsletters and minutes from 1/90. This document will be given to all members as soon as it is finished.

Library, Mari Ordered DVD on wire Wrap . Received 2 new books which have been checked out already.

Sunshine Mari Cards for Warren S. who is to have surgery on 2/19 and to Bob Flick who will be having radiation treatments.

Education Dave Macseonin reported Classes on wax sculpture 2/1, Chain Maille 2/10, 2/22 Silversmithing, Faceting 4/4-5. Drake announced that classes postponed in January are

rescheduled. Check the board for dates . A reminder that all instructors are volunteers. Please call if unable to attend. Also instructors should call if class is postponed or cancelled.

GeoJuniors Barb Whims Regular monthly meeting 2/7/09 at the Club at noon. Members are working on Geology Badge. Lesson will be "How Indians used stones and rocks". On 2/16 they will take a trip to Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Newsletter Bob Powers Newsletter was mailed. Send articles for next one.

Website Dave Rich New changes coming. Asked us all to look at site. Also wants to nominate "Rock Hound of the Year" from our Club.

Trips Dave Rich 2/7/09 Leave for Carnegie Museum at 8AM. May also go to Arboretum which is close by. Leave 3:30 for dinner at Church Brewery. Eric DeMan motioned that we open trip to Akron Mineral Society Members. Dave M. seconded. Motion carried. Terry Warner will call AMS members that are members of SLC. Cost is \$15, pay on the bus.

Dave also mentioned a trip to Poland Mining Group, Poland, ME. They can take 21 persons, furnish meals, use guides to dig. With at least 15 members, we get a 20% discount...Cost for 3 days is \$300 per person be 5 days - two for traveling. Tourmaline is target...there are 15 mines to visit.

Evelyn Tryon mentioned that MGAGS and Midwest Facetors Guild are 6/13-14/09 near Lansing Michigan. Who wants to go???

Eric DeMan As soon as Spring Thaw allows, will be taking trip to dig for Nellie Blue...on Road Cuts. Have no permission to dig on private land. -2-

Property Maintenance Frank Regan We have one new/used saw. Frank will be working on New Instruction Sheets, Policy and Procedures. It was recommended that each member read and sign that they understand how to use. Also requested members bring rags and plastic bags. Take dirty rags home for disposal.

Gemboree It was announced that we have 9 dealers paid for Gemboree. Carl said he had received 2 more.

Unfinished Business Christmas Party Dave Rich will be held 12/12/09 (second Sat) at Akron City Club...buffet at same price. No Bar buy can bring your own.

Mari and Evelyn Green are still collecting jewelry for Victims Assistance auction; all items must be to them by 2/28/09.

New Business Helen Franks made motion to change meeting times to 7PM instead of 7:30PM Evelyn Tryon seconded. Motion passed with David Rich opposing.

Midwest Federation Report Kay Sharp. She is Display Chairman for the Federation Show which will be May 16-17 at Berea Fair Grounds. Set up will be 5/15 12-6 and 5/16 8-10. They need displays. We would need to furnish display case and liner. SLC members who have volunteered to do demonstrations are Berrie Butrick, Art and Shirley Andrews. If you would like to volunteer also, let her know.

Display cases may be noncompetitive..or for competition. (Pony Case lined).Items must be labeled for the competition. Joyce Hanshue is in charge of these.

Each case is judged on its own merits. See Midwest Federation website for application...must be received by April 20, 2009. Cases will be locked and security is by Cuyahoga County Sheriff Dept...during the show and at night.

Hostesses Thanks to Suzanne Shoffner, Evelyn Tryon and others who assisted.

Adjournment Carl Miller motioned to adjourn. Several seconds. Motion passed.

March Meeting Program by - Greg Dojlidko

March presenter is jewelry artist, Melissa Muir. Her jewelry designs were published in Art Jewelry Magazine, November 2008 issue and January 2009 issue. Her designs were also featured in the book, 1000 Jewelry Inspirations by Sandra Salomony. Melissa developed a special line of memorial jewelry and angels in the memory honor of her second daughter, Kelsi.

Gemboree News Update - by Warren Salchak

Carl Miller is working with the dealers and Evelyn will have the advertising ready for our March meeting. The sign up sheets will be out by then. I'm especially asking for some extra help, that weekend, as I will be still recovering from my surgery. I expect to be fine. We have an exceptional club and I feel we will get through this.

Susan Barnett will be looking for folks to fill display cases. We'll need someone to hang the sign up the weekend before the show at Emidio. I expect to have some double coverage in different job stations. That'll be okay...As long as we fill all the jobs with someone present at all times.

Reminder... Working the Gemboree is required in order to be eligible to attend club sponsored trips. Hope to see you at the April meeting. Thanks again to all for your help.
Warren Salchak Chairmen, 330-928-0181 or lapidary1@neo.rr.com

Gemboree Display Cases - by Sue Barnett

It is time again to think Gemboree and display cases. To me, that has always gone together like...ham and eggs....Bogart and Bacall.....fun and sun, well you get the idea. So, get fired up and start thinking and gathering what you want to show off in your display case and whether you only want to do just one. This may be the year you are sooooo inspired that you may need two or more cases!!!

Call me at 330.928.1102 to reserve your space now. Remember, the number of cases is limited. And I can double your request if you act now! Okay, it has been a long winter and I watch too many info-mercials. What would Billy Mays look like without his beard....hmmmm. What about the squinty eyed guy that sells Sham-Wows.... Call me and say yes to a display case. 330.928.1102.

| March | | March | | | March | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tues | Weds | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
| 1 | 2 | 3 SLC Meeting 7PM | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 Chainmaille Barrel Weave | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 Bead Box Night | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 Board Meeting | | | | |

Sign up sheets for SLC Classes are posted at the club. Class instruction by SLC members is free, however there maybe a fee for supplies.

Teaching and taking classes at the Summit Lapidary Club - by Ted Maringer

In fairness to our instructors and students I want to review a few important points.

Instructors:

- Fill-out the class sign-up sheet completely
- When filling in the date be sure to include, month, day and year

- Include your full name and phone number
- Mark the sheet clearly with the class size cut off
- If walk-ins are welcome, please state it on the sign-up sheet
- Include a list of materials and tools needed for the class
- If supplies are being provided by the club or instructor, include the fee for materials
- As a reminder, take the time to call your students a day before the class
- If you have cancellations call an alternate to join the class
- If the class is popular, schedule another class as soon as possible
- Be prompt. Have your area set-up and ready to teach when the students arrive
- Have someone take photos of your class if possible
- Everyone is responsible for cleaning up when the class is over.

Students:

- Fill-out the class sign-up sheet completely with your full name and phone number
- Bring all the materials and tools needed for the class
- Be courteous and call the instructor if you're unable to attend
- Be prompt. Have your area set-up before the class starts
- Never walk in to take a class unless the sign-up sheet states, walk-ins welcome
- Take photos of your class if possible
- Everyone is responsible for cleaning up when the class is over

Most importantly, be kind and courteous to everyone and have fun!

March's Bead Box Night - by Mari

We will be meeting as usual, the third Tuesday March 17th, our project is a necklace with bead balls, jump rings and craft wires. We will use 3mm bicone beads at our club with fish line nylon threads to make right angle bead balls, and we will connect these balls with jump rings and wire to create triangle-shaped center piece for a necklace. Come join us if you find this idea interesting.

April Anniversary Auction! - by Laura Thomas

The Tuesday, April 7th Regular April Meeting night is an Anniversary party to celebrate our club's birthday. We will be having our Annual Anniversary Auction (just like in the early days of the club) all proceeds to benefit the club. All attending must bring an item to donate to the auction for admittance. So, please look thru your collections, find some goodies to share with our other members, and bring money!! Also, bring any extra shoeboxes and/or sturdy bags so we can cart home our new treasures!! See you there!

FROM THE CARNEGIE MUSEUM TO BEER IN A CHURCH - by David Rich

February 7, dawned clear and unexpectedly warm, so our intrepid club travelers had no problems on their journey to Pittsburgh. It has been several years since our last visit to the Carnegie Museum, and the mineral display has been substantially enhanced. It has to be one of the premier museum exhibits in the country, all of the specimens are elegantly displayed, the cases well-lit and everything clearly identified.

Some of us also visited the art museum, which is housed in the same building, and a few ventured over to Phipps Conservatory for some much-needed exposure to green and growing things.

At the end of the afternoon, all 22 of us headed to the Church Brew Works, a micro-brewery and restaurant located in a former Catholic Church.

It was a most unusual setting, with exotic ales and beers to try, and two menus, one for the more price conscious and one for people who like to try the exotic (such as Buffalo Meat Loaf). We were home by early evening and our favorite driver, Glen made it a relaxing journey. If you haven't

joined the club on one of our outings-make sure and sign up for the next one because you are missing a good time!

MWF News - It's Tax Form Time Again - by Mike Wines, CFMS Tax Advisor

IRS Form 990

Societies that are required to file Form 990 or 990EZ should be aware of material changes to the forms. Most of our societies have gross receipts less than \$25,000, so are only required to file Form 990N. There are no material changes to this form.

The new forms (990 and 990EZ) apply to both societies with a 2008 calendar year and organizations with fiscal years beginning at some time during 2008. For example, a fiscal year society whose year ends May 31, will file the revised form for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2009. I would recommend societies required to file the revised forms access the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov, then access the exempt organization section to locate the **revised** forms and the **revised** instructions for filing **Form 990N**

IRS Form 990N

Those societies who are not required to file either Form 990 or 990EZ, and whose gross receipts are below \$5,000 must continue to file Form 990N electronically. If your club operate on a calendar year, then you must file by May 15th. If your club runs on a fiscal year, you must file by 4 months and 15 days after the end of your fiscal year. Visit the IRS Web site www.irs.gov for more information. - Taken from the *AFMS Newsletter*, February

"STONE SOUP" - Monthly recipes from fellow Rockhounds - submitted by Bob Powers

Eggplant Parmesan - recipe adapted from Tyler Florence @ Foodnetwork.com

- Tomato sauce (use whatever brand name prepared tomato sauce you like)
- 4 cups dried bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 5 eggs
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 pounds medium eggplants, trimmed and cut lengthwise into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- 2 pounds whole milk ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil leaves
- 1 1/4 cups freshly grated Parmigiano-Romano
- 2 pounds shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions for eggplant preparation: Combine the bread crumbs, garlic powder, and oregano in a shallow bowl; season generously with salt and pepper and mix well. Crack 3 of the eggs into another shallow bowl; season with salt and pepper and beat with a fork to mix. Put the flour in another shallow bowl and season with salt and pepper. Arrange the eggplant, flour, beaten eggs, and bread crumbs on a work surface near the stove.

Heat about 1/4-inch olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. When the oil is hot, dredge several eggplant slices first in the flour, then dip them in the egg, and finally coat them in the bread crumbs. Put as many eggplant in the skillet as will fit comfortably in a single layer and cook until tender and well browned on both sides. Drain on paper towels. Cook all of the eggplant slices this way, adding more olive oil to the pan as needed.

Stir together the ricotta and 1/2 cup of the Parmigiano cheese. Stir in the basil and remaining 2 eggs, and season with salt and pepper. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

To assemble the dish, first get yourself set up with a large, buttered baking dish. Have ready the eggplant, the ricotta mixture, the tomato sauce, the shredded mozzarella cheese and the remaining 3/4 cup grated Parmigiano. To start, spoon some of the tomato sauce over the bottom of the baking dish. Now add a layer of eggplant. Spread with half of the ricotta mixture. Spoon another layer of tomato sauce over and sprinkle with about one-third of the mozzarella. Repeat with a layer of eggplant, the rest of the ricotta, tomato sauce, and another third of the mozzarella. Finish with the rest of the eggplant, the rest of the tomato sauce, and the rest of the mozzarella. Sprinkle with the 3/4 cup Parmigiano. Put the dish in the oven and bake for about 1 hour, until golden and bubbling.

Sunshine News - by Mari Takai Manley

- Warren Salchak: His surgery is rescheduled on Feb. 26. The result of all those treatments for radiation and chemotherapy is that they have shrunk his tumors, but the surgery is still necessary. We wish you well.
- Bob Flick: He is still in his process of consulting yet another oncologist. At this time the idea of chemotherapy is on hold. We wish him to be able to find the best possible treatment.
- Frank Regan: His wife, Nancy, had a shoulder surgery. She is resting at home. We wish her a speedy recovery.

BOBSERVATIONS - by Robt. Spore

Psycho Kittens (Quest que cest?*)

(*Only one in ten people will get that reference)

Faceting-wise, things seem to be moving along, tickety-boo. So long as I banish the cats from my workroom when I'm cutting. Trying to cut a stone with kittens in the room is like trying to shave with a straight razor while on roller skates. In heavy traffic. When you're drunk.

Sure, I feel bad about it, hearing their plaintive cries from out in the cold, dark hallway and seeing their pathetic paws poking under the door. And yes, I feel more than a bit terrified when I hear them sharpening their claws on the upstairs banister and hurling themselves against that same door. But when they're in the room, they feel the need to be right on top of what I'm doing. Or they're walking along the book shelves casually knocking my treasured tchatkes on the floor and batting my poor boxing nun puppet (Sister Rocky Marchiano of the Sorrowful Sisters of the Sweet Sport) around the room.

Believe me; it's not conducive for the high levels of concentration needed to do good faceting. Or even the faceting I do. I tried distracting them with a catnip mouse. *Pffff!* Like giving a four year old a hand grenade. Even when I'm not cutting, they're all over my machine. I caught one of them trying to eat the splash guard the other day.

If I tried putting a plastic cover over it, they'd either get under it or eat their way through it. I'd probably have to fabricate some kind of large aluminum box and bolt it down over the machine when I'm not using it. But I could see me going upstairs and finding them cutting their way through it with an acetylene torch. Wearing little, tiny kitty-sized welder's goggles.

You know... cats aren't pets. Dogs are pets. Cats are co-owners. You handle the food, shelter and the bills and the cats handle the rest. Hang on... I just saw them go upstairs with a reciprocating saw and a couch cushion. Now what???

Just A Quick Note From Me... - by Pat Powers

Nothing to add! Bye and see you next month!